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REMARKS

The December 22, 2004 Office Action found claims 14, 15, 24, and 25 allowable in substance for their limitation to a blasting machine and electronic detonator(s). All withdrawn claims have been canceled, and the independent claims under examination (claims 11 and 16) have been amended to add the limitation of claim 14, that "said master device is an electronic blasting machine and said slave devices are electronic detonators." (Also, dependent claims containing one or both of those limitations have been canceled or amended appropriately). Consequently, all claims should now be in condition for allowance (including the newly added claims 26-34, which incorporate all the limitations of the now allowable independent claims from which they depend).

It is noted that a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention is being filed with this amendment.

It is believed that no fees are due with the present response, but if any fee is required, it is hereby requested that such fees be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 502502.

The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if further information or action is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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